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Newsletter - Term 1 Week 6, 5 March, 2013

Upcoming events

Thursday clubs

8th March- International Womens day- thank you to all the wonderful women in our school community.

8th March- French Friday to support Gunnedah band to France. **Lunch orders need to be in by Thursday.**

Wednesday 13th March debating workshop at Gunnedah South. Parents of students involved have been notified.

Sunday 17th March- teachers attending information day on engaging all students in the learning process.

Principal's message

Dear Parents

Last Wednesday and Thursday, the days of our information BBQ and Captain and Prefect Induction ceremony, showed the commitment of our community in support of the school. A lot of people reminded me at the information BBQ that they will come in to help out at the school when they can. When the plans that are being made for school improvement can be put in place I will let all of you know the dates so that there is an opportunity for everybody to contribute as they can.



Congratulations to our school's Zone swimming team for the excellence they showed in competing and the pride they showed in their school at the Zone Swimming carnival last

Wednesday. I have heard only good things from Ms Baker, parent helpers and the students themselves. It really does show the quality that Gunnedah Public School students have. Thanks to all of our parent helpers because without your help, days like that are not as enjoyable.

Our school orchard now has 5 fruit trees planted. We have one more mandarin tree to go but there will be more trees in the future. The vegetable gardens are being marked out and turned over. If you have any garden tools like digging forks, hoes, spades and shovels which you would like to donate to a worthy cause, please bring them down to the school. They will be used.



Oscar and Cody working hard

The leadership meeting for our School Leaders this week will continue to be about how our playground can be improved. The ideas they will come up with will be included in our school improvements plan.

This week I hope to get into as many classes as I can to assist with the implementation of more Quality Teaching practices that engage students and improve their learning. We have been working on developing efficient number strategies for the past few weeks.

Have a great week

Regards

Stephen De Roos

Student Leader Induction

Last Thursday we held the induction for our student leaders in the hall.

Special guests were Mr Simon Bartlett Taylor, Principal of Gunnedah High School and Mr Owen Hasler, Gunnedah Shire Mayor.

Mr Hasler addressed the assembly and spoke about the importance of being a school leader. He pointed out that both of his children had attended Gunnedah Public and both had been school leaders.

Mr Bartlett Taylor spoke about demonstrating leadership and how he hoped our leaders would continue to develop their leadership skills throughout high school.

Mr De Roos also addressed the assembly, before introducing each student to the audience. He then invited a family member to come forward to pin the badge on. It was a very proud moment for the student and the family members.

Mr De Roos then led them in the reciting of the Pledge in which they vowed to uphold and obey the school rules and gain honour and respect for Gunnedah Public School.

Congratulations to Izaiah Talbott Hatch, Amber Sands, Jack Randall, Serena Silver, Helena Pease, Liam Ireland, Rita Gillard, Cody Abrahams and their families.



Out-of Uniform Day – “Red, White and Blue” French Friday

This Friday we are raising money to support Oscar King, a member of the Gunnedah Shire Band, who will be travelling to perform in France. We are asking **children to come to school dressed in red, white and blue** – the colours of the French flag, and make a gold coin donation for the band. Please return lunch orders for Quiche and salad by Thursday. Oscar will perform a solo on his tuba, at the assembly on

Friday afternoon. We welcome everyone along to see just how clever he is! Thank you for your support of this event.

Easter Hat Parade

We are looking forward to seeing the creativity of families when Easter hats are paraded on **Tuesday 26th March!** Please start giving some thought to the creation of hats. Preschool aged siblings are also welcome to parade. All children in K-2 are expected to parade. Children in years 3-6 are invited to make a hat and parade if they wish.

“Egg”stravaganza

Students from stage 2 & 3 are asked to decorate a blown egg to go on display at the Easter Hat Parade. A note will go home this week with all the details but if you need further information please contact the class teacher. We have had some very creative eggs over the last few years and look forward to seeing just how wonderful the 2013 eggs will be.

Stage 3 students are also asked to create a protective ‘case’ for an egg, which will save it from breaking when dropped from a height in our great Egg Drop challenge. The Egg Drop will take place after the hat parade.

We hope to see lots of family and friends in attendance on the day.

Easter Raffle

Each family is asked to please send in some Easter egg donations for the P&C Easter Raffle. Tickets will go home next week and the raffle will be drawn prior to the completion of the Easter Hat Parade.

Assembly

Due to the heavy rain and very wet playground, the assembly was held in the 5/6 classroom last Friday. The proceedings were led by Jack Randall and Rita Gillard.

Miss Baker addressed the assembly and praised the students for their wonderful efforts at the zone swimming carnival.

Mr De Roos commended the students who have been demonstrating their confidence, persistence and getting along skills.

Awards were presented to these hard-working students: Principal’s Awards- Shakeem Bartman and Blake Whitfield, K/1- Mathew Williams and Bailey Richardson, 2B- Jordan Holley and Will Milgate, 3/4/5- Sarsha Maughan and Emily Adams, 5/6- Amber Sands and Lydia McInnes

Congratulations to all recipients. Assembly is held every Friday at 2.30 in the hall, weather permitting. All welcome.

Zone Swimming Carnival

On Wednesday Miss Baker, with the help of some valuable parent helpers, took 16 eager swimmers to the Gunnedah Memorial pool to represent the school in Zone Swimming.

We had a great day in the sun! Every student helped to cheer on their friends and give their best effort in their own races!

The behaviour was exceptional, with Miss Baker being told by other parents how impressive the students were acting.

Our super fish Oscar King cleaned up with 7 ribbons at the end of the day, ensuring him a spot in the Regional carnival next Tuesday in Armidale!

Many students received ribbons also.

A special thanks goes to Jenny MacAulay and Katrina King for their massive effort and help with time keeping.



Clean Up Australia Day for Schools

Due to the wet weather, we had to postpone this event. It will now be held next Friday, 8th March, weather permitting.

Premier's Debating Workshop

On Wednesday the 13th March, four lucky students from Miss Secombe's class will be selected to participate in the Premier's Debating Workshop, held at Gunnedah Public School. This workshop is designed to target public speaking skills, with some light-hearted fun mixed in with skills training, and even a quick debate to top off the day. Mrs Frend will be

accompanying the students to this all day event. More information and permission slips for these lucky students will be sent out tomorrow.

Class news

5/6S-Years 5/6S have been learning about body percussion. Students worked together to choreograph their own 'body beat' performance and dazzled Gunnedah Public School students, staff and community members at our weekly assembly.

5/6S have also enjoyed 'girls and boys club'. The girls have enjoyed a face and nails pamper session and a cooking session while the boys have learnt about health and fitness and creative design.

K/1D-As part of our unit on farm animals, we have been reading 'Hattie and the Fox' and learning all about how farm animals are useful to people. We have looked at raw eggs and how they change when they are cooked. We even got to eat them. Yum! We will be doing some experiments with eggs and some more cooking in the coming weeks. There are lots of exciting things happening in K/1D; parents and carers are more than welcome to come and assist with any activities. Please contact Mrs Delamotte at school on 67422266.

KH-We have enjoyed a wonderful week! Thank you to all those families who were able to attend the BBQ information evening. We also thank Mrs Elyce Knight who was our "Mystery Reader" and replaced Mrs Robinson as teacher aide, last week. The children have been learning songs for the Easter Hat parade and are getting excited about performing for their families. We are also practising for a Harmony Day parade..... stay tuned!

2B-Every week in 2B is exciting! This week we concentrated on our spelling words! They were all words that ended in 'ump'. The students had fun coming up with interesting sentences using the words bump, jump and stump! Some of these stories involved jumping on the bed and getting bumps and bruises from some amazing adventures! 2B have enjoyed practising their choir songs in their spare time and getting excited for the Eisteddfod!

3/6F – 3/6F are focusing their concerns on the environment this week with a focus on the pollution themed, 'Lester and Clyde'. They are learning how pollution affects our environment. They really enjoyed finding the rhyming words in Lester and Clyde, and were able to use

brilliant describing words to re-create a beautiful pond, and a polluted pond.

With the help of Mr De Roos, 3/6F have been able to demonstrate as many 'friends of ten' as possible, and are excited about building on this in the next couple of weeks.

**French Friday- 8th March- wear red, white & blue and bring a gold coin.
Quiche & salad for lunch- ooh la la!**

School Calendar Term 1

	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
Week 6	4/3 No Canteen today- please support French Friday this week.	5/3 Breaky Club	6/3	7/3 Breaky Club Interest groups/clubs	8/3 FRENCH FRIDAY Canteen Quiche/salad <i>*alternate date</i> Clean up Australia <i>International Womens Day</i> Assembly 2.30
Week 7	11/3 Canteen Beef/cheese burgers & popper	12/3 Breaky Club	13/3 Debating Workshop	14/3 Breaky Club Interest groups/clubs	15/3 Assembly 2.30
Week 8	18/3 Pizza & jelly cup	19/3 Breaky Club	20/3	21/3 Breaky Club Interest groups/clubs	22/3 Assembly 2.30



Gunnedah Shire Council

Homework Centre

Tuesdays only

during school term

3.00-4.30pm

Free pick up from school

Red Chief Local Aboriginal

Land Council

26 Chandos Street

GUNNEDAH

All ages, indigenous and non-indigenous welcome

Afternoon tea provided

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